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To: Hon. Scott L. Kays, Presiding Judge

From: Dennis Bunting

Re: County Counsel's Response to 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report

Judge Kays:

Under Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Solano County Counsel's Office responds to the following findings and recommendations that pertain to matters under the control of our office:

- 1. Solano County Zoning Code Enforcement.** This matter is not under the control of County Counsel. We will continue to provide legal assistance to the Department of Environmental Management. We presently pursue an effective notice-based, nuisance complaint procedure. A complaint is not filed until the Department has exhaustively attempted to secure voluntary compliance. We provided examples of our code enforcement actions to the grand jury. Such actions reflect the Department's ability to abate nuisances in a number of ways and to recover its administrative costs. We continually refine our procedures and evaluate complementary administrative remedies.
- 2. Homeacres Housing Rehabilitation Program.** This matter is not under the control of County Counsel. We will continue to provide advice to the Department of Environmental Management and the Board of Supervisors to secure the performance of Mercy Housing California.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Bunting
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cc: Board of Supervisors
County Administrator
Department of Environmental Management Director